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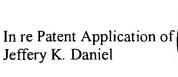
In the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, the Examiner required an election between Fig. 3 and Fig. 4.

Applicant traverses this restriction requirement on the grounds that the invention shown in Figs. 3 and 4 are not separate species that would require different fields of search.

First, Applicant notes that the Examiner did not identify any claims as being associated with Fig. 3 or Fig. 4 and so it is unclear from the restriction requirement which claims the examiner believes are associated with each. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Moreover, the invention in this case is a mechanical wet clutch 20. The wet clutch can be used with any number of gear box configurations. See ¶16, page 6 of the Specification. Fig. 3 illustrates a parallel, divider gearbox, while Fig. 4 illustrates a right angle gearbox. However, the gearbox is not the focus of the invention. Rather, it is mechanical wet clutch 20 which is shown in both Figs. 3 and 4.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and only to the extent the Examiner refuses to further identify the claims that fall into different species or otherwise withdraws the restriction requirement, Applicant elects claims 1 and 9.





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